THE SWORD INTERVAL

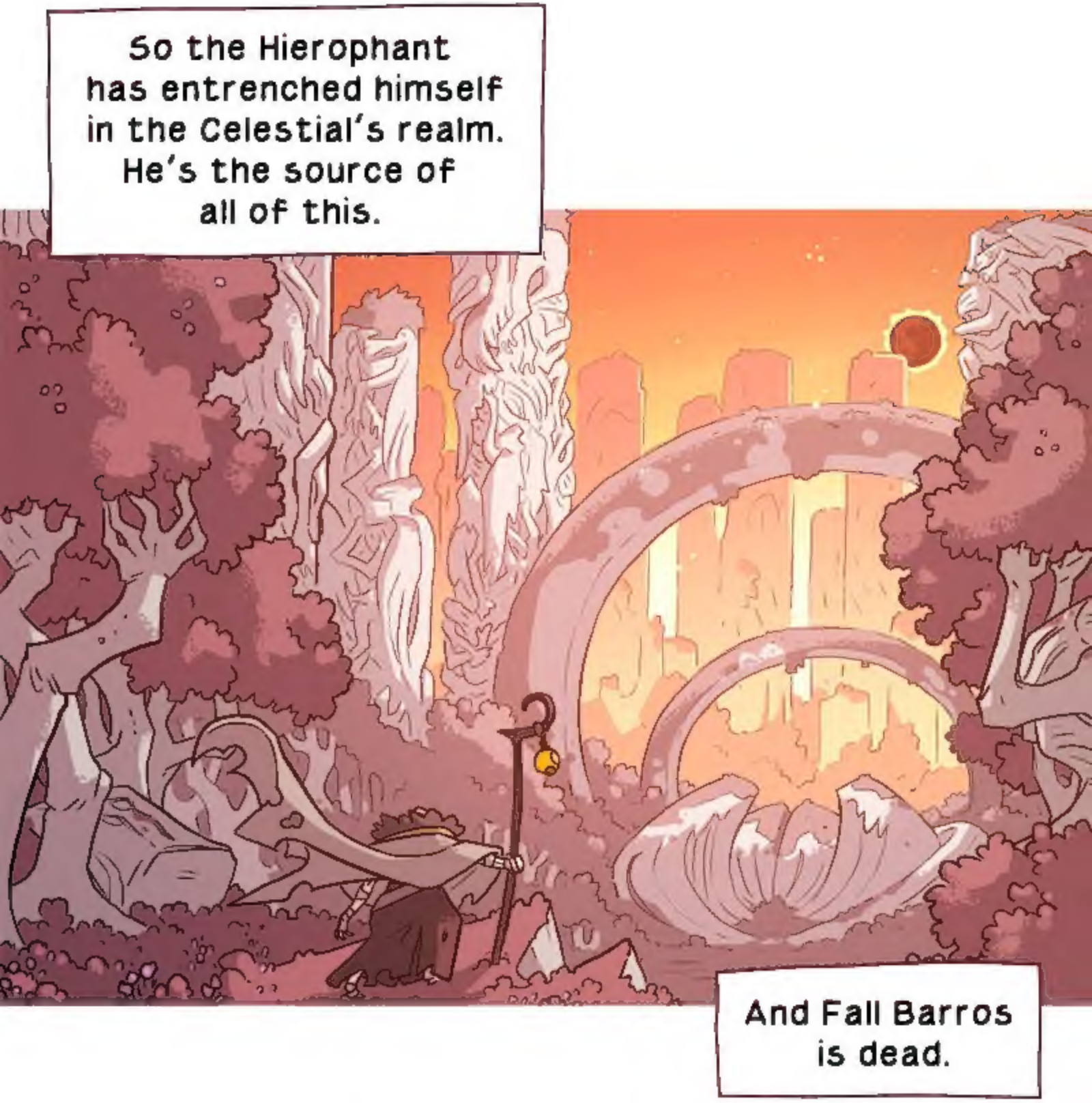
BEN FLEUTER

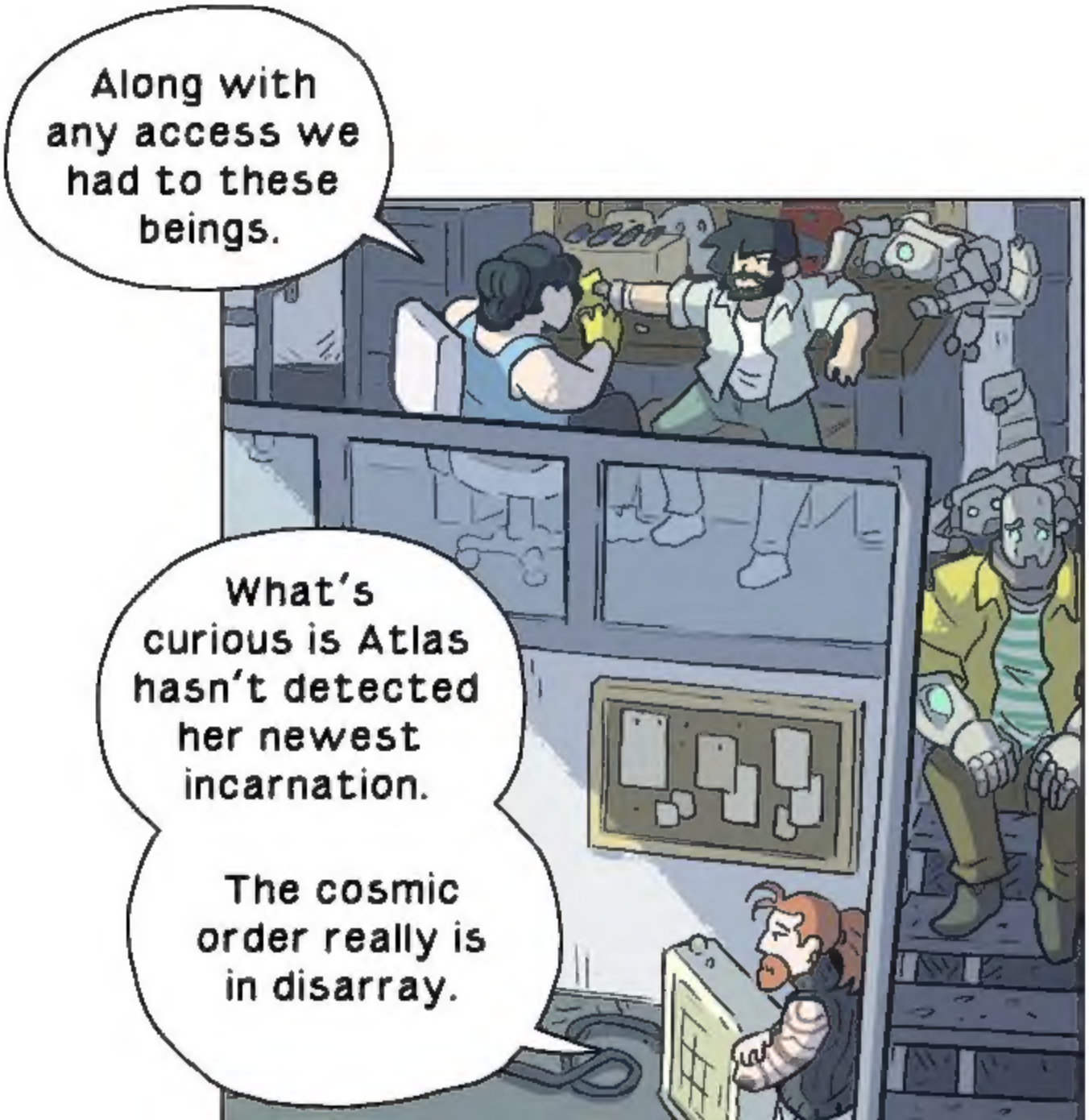
Hey!
Looks like you could use a hand!

Haha. Sorry man, couldn't help myself!

Mr. Shimizu ...
I'm glad you got my message.

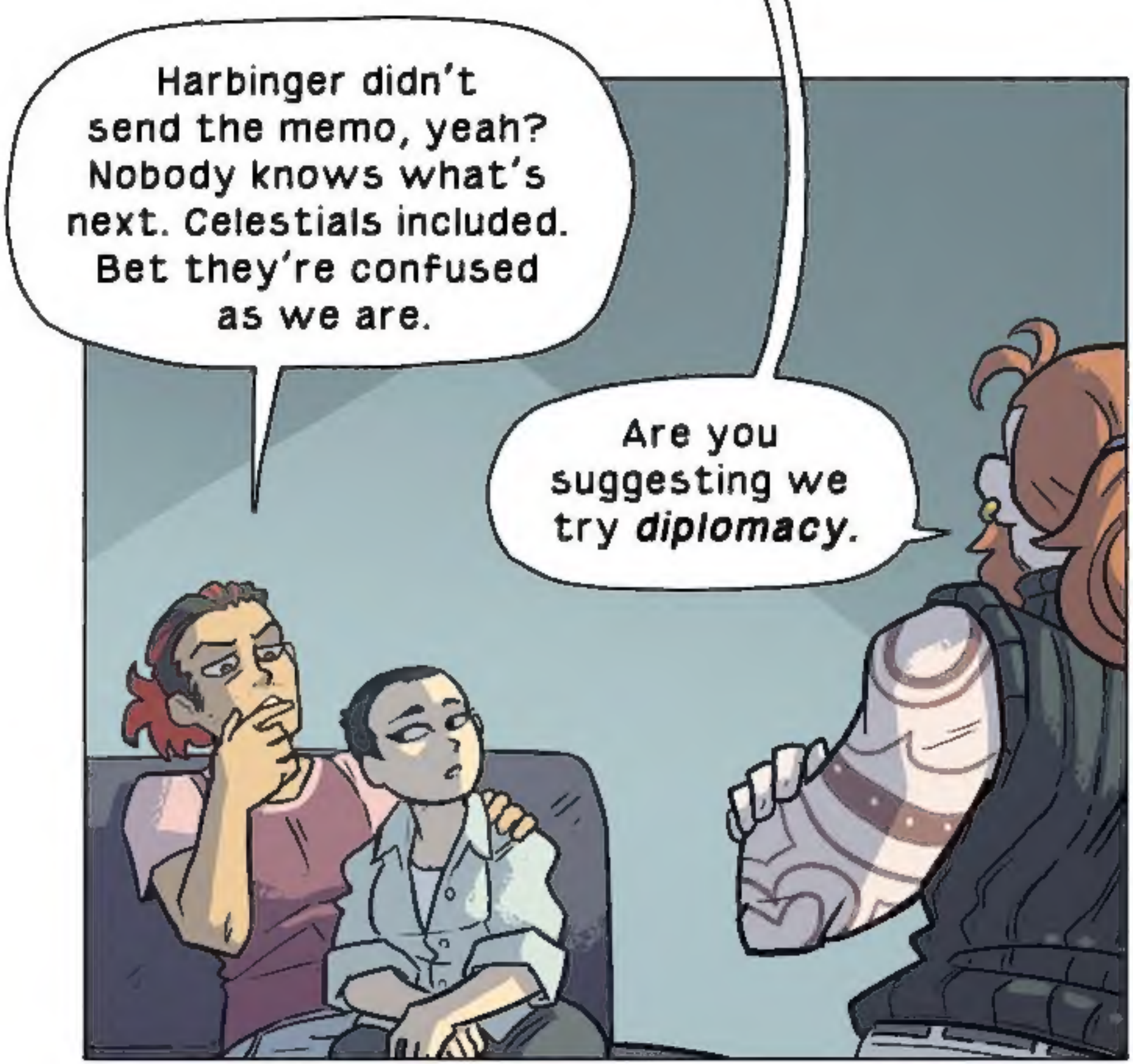
I see.


So the Hierophant has entrenched himself in the Celestial's realm. He's the source of all of this.
And Fall Barros is dead.

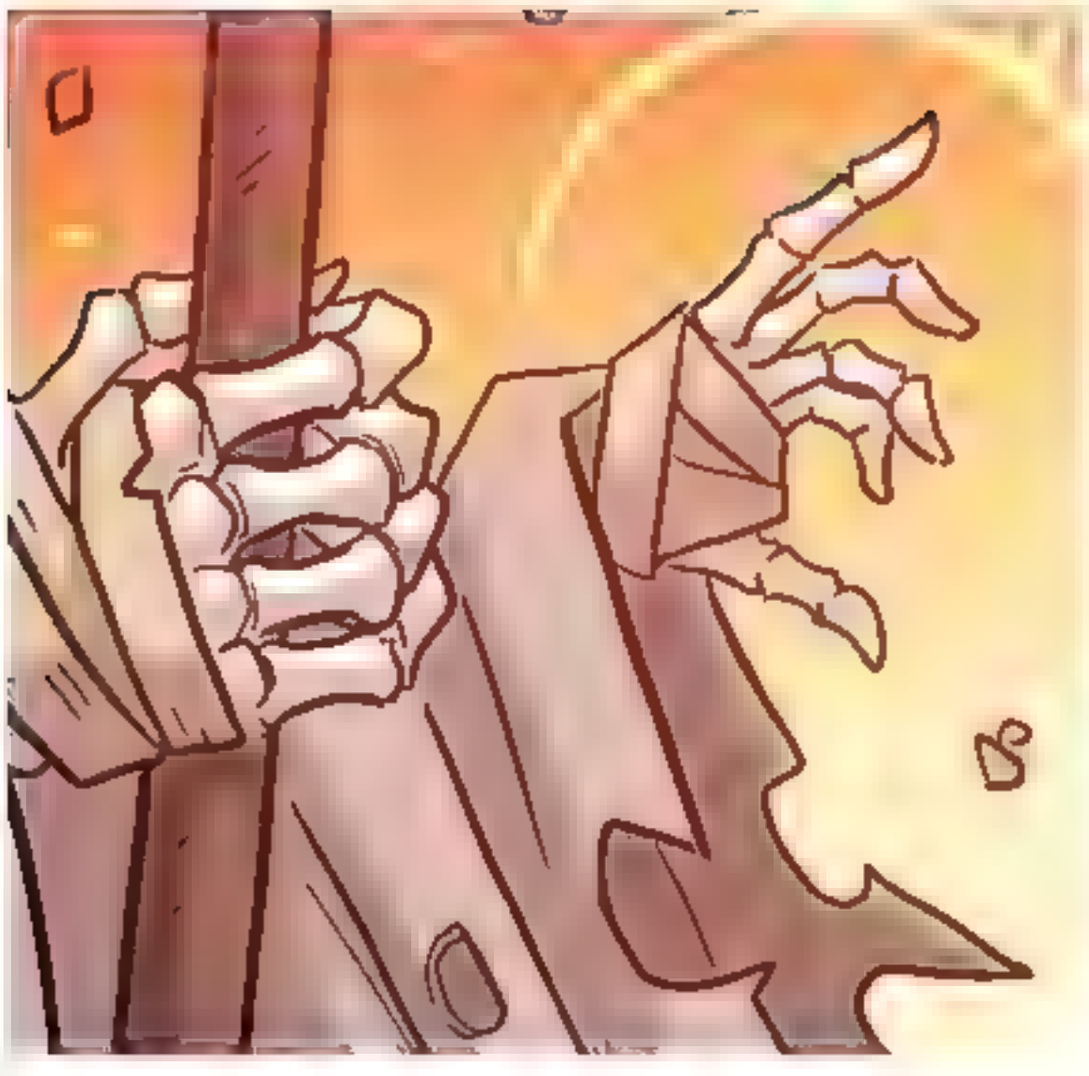

Along with any access we had to these beings.
What's curious is Atlas hasn't detected her newest incarnation.
The cosmic order really is in disarray.

Barros did tend to make a mess of things.
So then... it ain't *officially* the apocalypse.

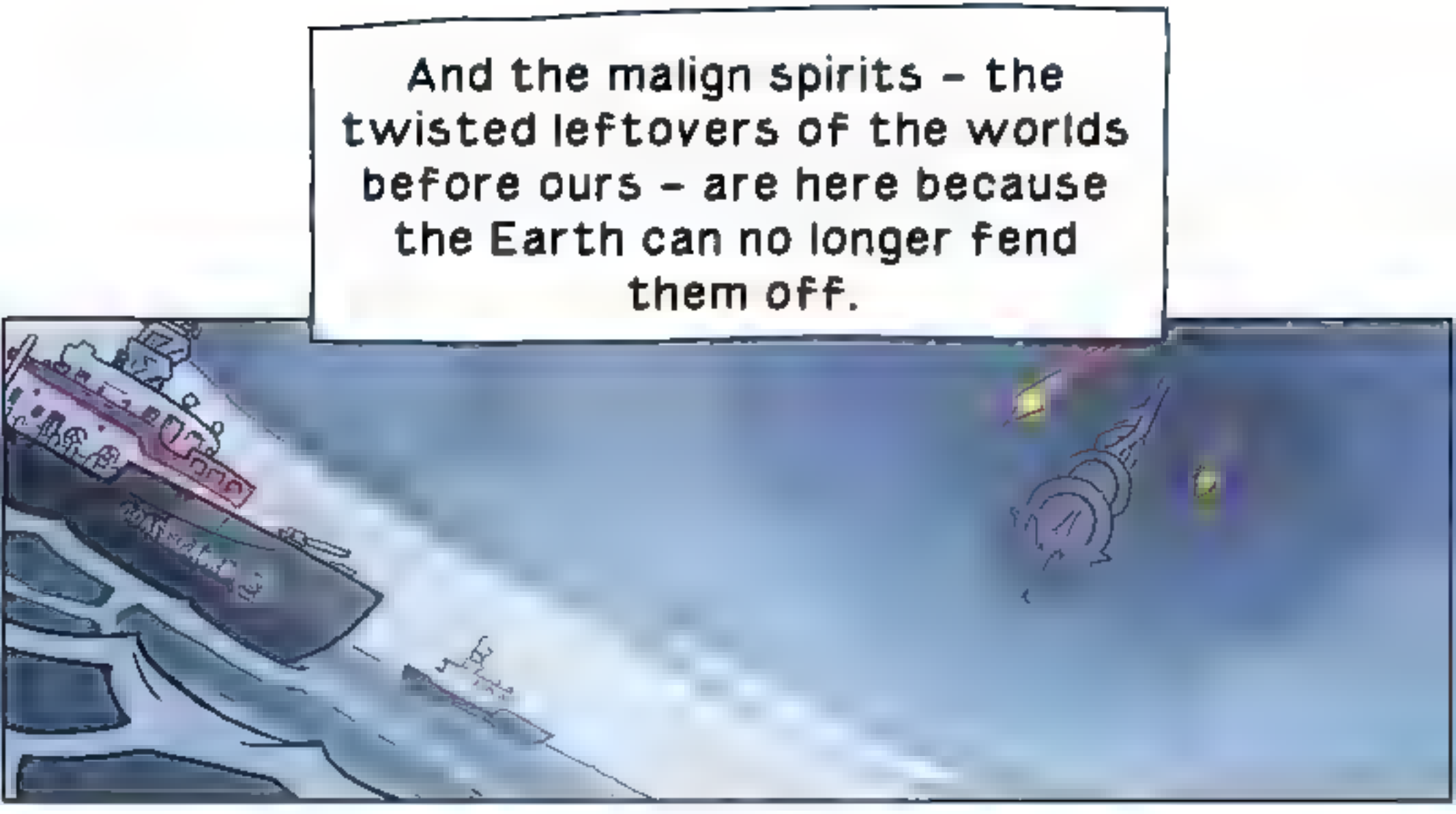
What's that?

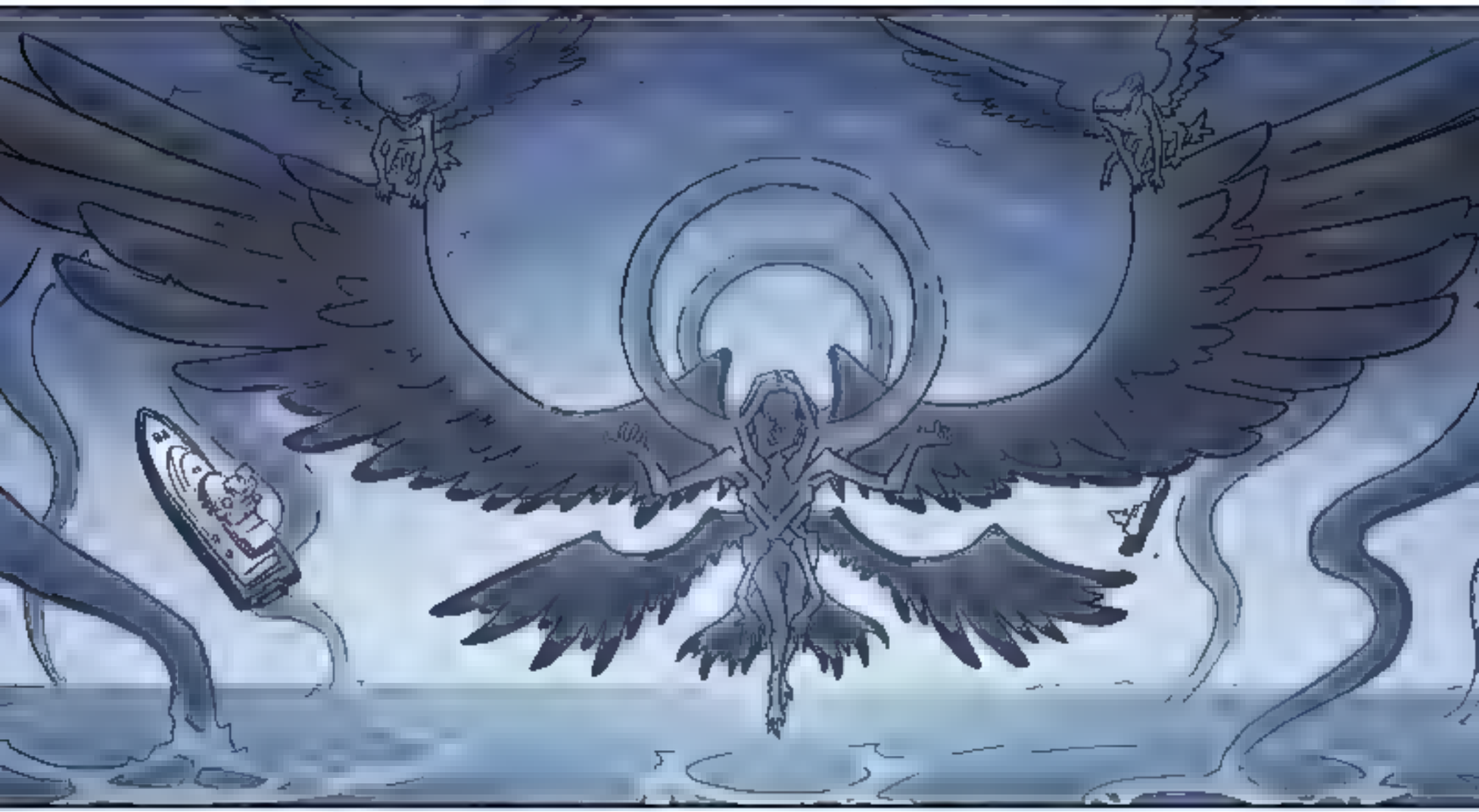

Harbinger didn't send the memo, yeah? Nobody knows what's next. Celestials included. Bet they're confused as we are.
Are you suggesting we try *diplomacy*.

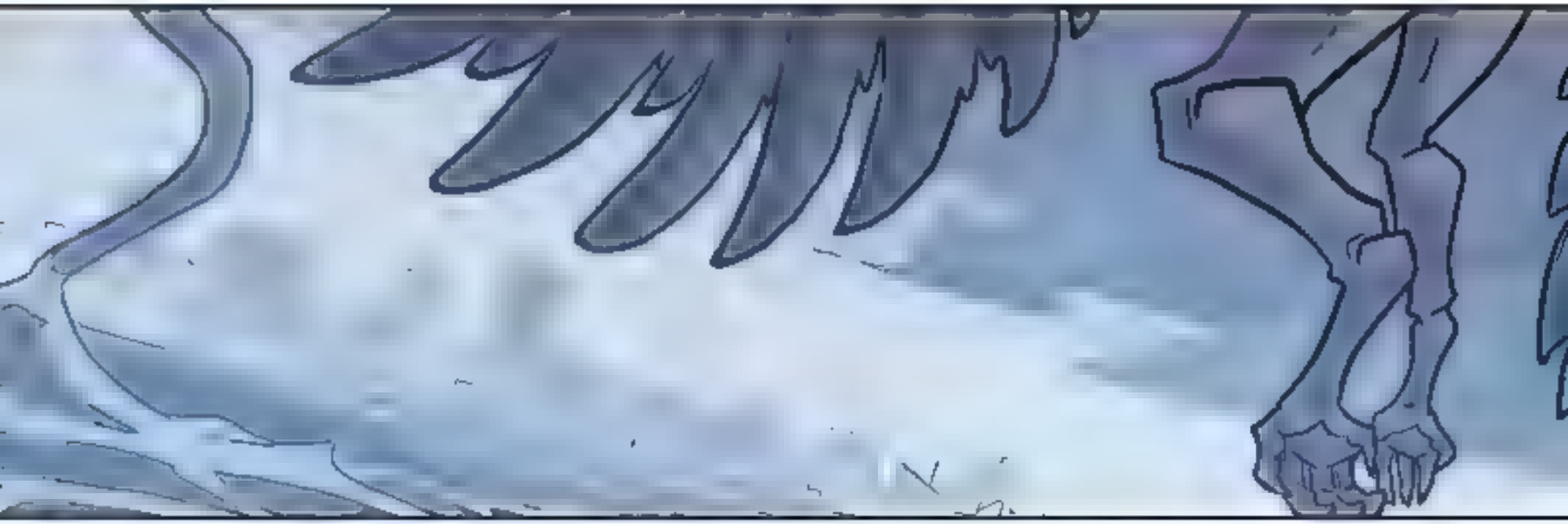
I dunno, maybe?! We gotta show 'em the world ain't dead somehow!
But the world *is* dead, hun. Or at least its... animating force, if you will, has expired.



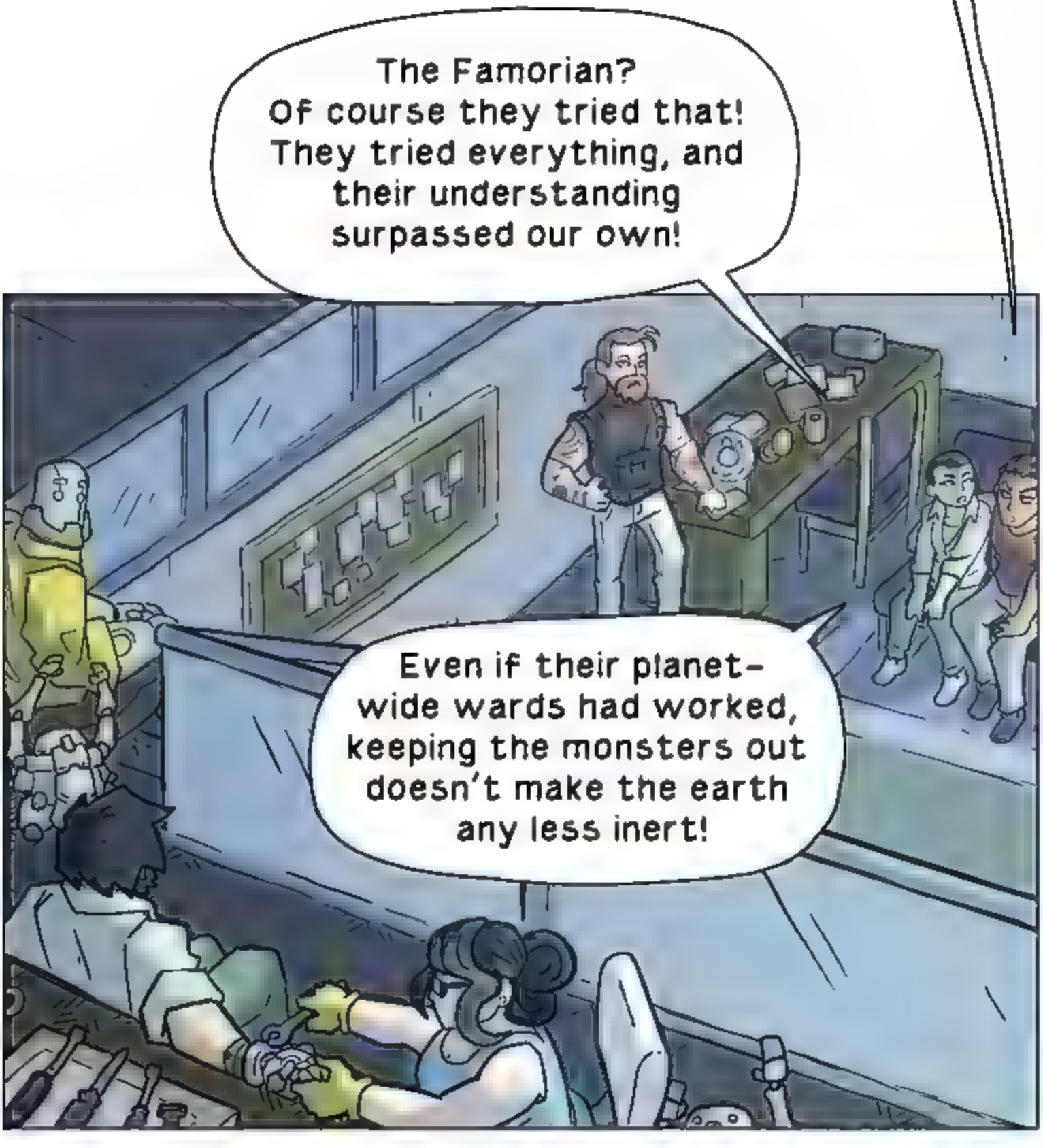
Regardless of who summoned them, the Celestial are here because the malign spirits are here.


And the malign spirits – the twisted leftovers of the worlds before ours – are here because the Earth can no longer fend them off.



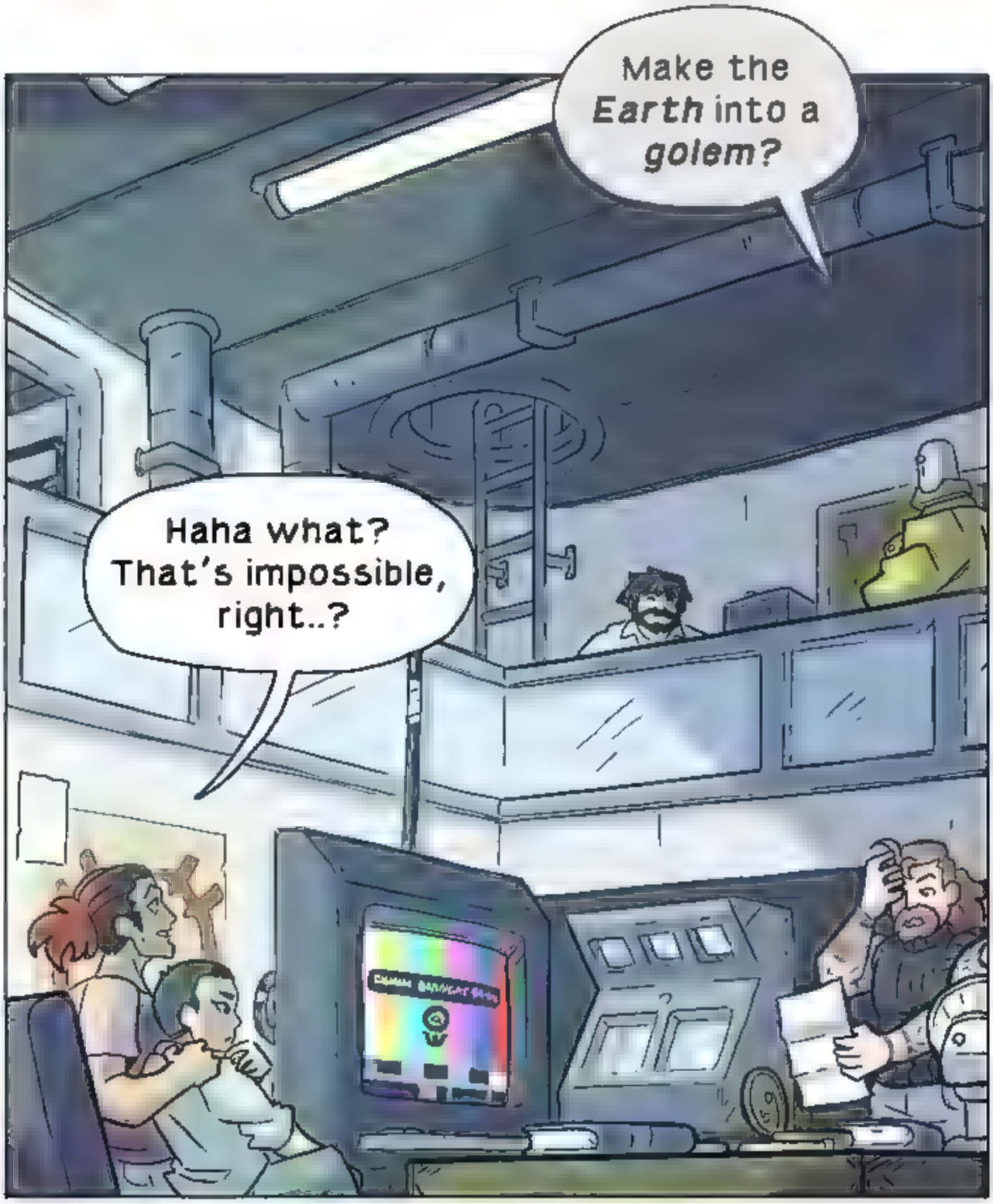


So we boot the malign spirits out! Give the angels nothing to hunt! That has to be something those space wizard guys thought of!


The Famorian? Of course they tried that! They tried everything, and their understanding surpassed our own!
Even if their planet-wide wards had worked, keeping the monsters out doesn't make the earth any less inert!

...What about letting the monsters in?

A-ah?
We make a golem. A stone body, programmed with purpose, and animated by a bound formless spirit.
Or in this case, an entire planet, reanimated by billions of displaced spirits.


Make the *Earth* into a *golem?*
Haha what? That's impossible, right..?

...We're out of time.

Dr. Snow? What would we need to make this happen?

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